

*Youngstown and Akron Centers to Receive Over \$1.4 Million in Stimulus Spending*

(Washington, D.C.) Congressman Tim Ryan announced today that two health clinics in the 17th Congressional District will be receiving over \$1.4 million from the American Recover and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Capital Improvement Program. The Ohio North East Health System's Community Health Clinic in Youngstown will receive a grant for \$880,910 and the Akron Community Health Resources Community Health Clinic will receive \$520,060. The money received by the local clinics is part of a release of \$851 million in stimulus spending grants to address immediate and pressing health center facility and equipment needs and increase access to health care for millions of Americans.

**“This targeting funding reinforces this administration’s commitment to quality healthcare and reminds us of the job creation component in the recovery package. This will allow these health clinics to advance construction initiatives and purchase new equipment that is critical to ensure access to high-quality health care,”** said Congressman Ryan.

**“Community Health Clinics have an enormous impact on their communities – they employ physicians, dentists, nurses and medical staff – beyond the outstanding services they provide to patients, a good number of whom are the uninsured.”**

**“Akron Community Health Resources is deeply appreciative of Congressman Ryan's efforts and Congress, in securing \$520,060 in federal stimulus funding to support the efforts of ACHR in serving the medically needy and uninsured populations in Summit and Portage Counties,”** said John Sniezek, CEO of Akron Community Health Resources. **“Without this financial support, ACHR would not be able to effectively serve in excess of 12,000 patients on an annual basis.”**

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**“We are planning to use the \$880,910.00 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds to renovate and equip a new health access point located in the southeast portion of Warren. We anticipate increasing access to affordable, low cost health care to the citizens of southeast Warren, Niles City and Mineral Ridge,”** said Dr. Ron Dwi  
nnells, the CEO of Ohio  
North East Health System.

The Recovery Act Capital Improvement Program (CIP) grants will support the construction, repair and renovation of over 1,500 health center sites nationwide. More than 650 centers will use the funds to purchase new equipment or health information technology (HIT) systems, and nearly 400 health centers will adopt and expand the use of electronic health records.